

**FY 2009 Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program:
Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States
Funding Results**

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY 2009 Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States (CCNA) solicitation. The solicitation for funding was released on March 19, 2009 and closed on April 17, 2009.

The purpose of this program is to provide resources for hiring and retention of and assistance and equipment to local law enforcement along the Southern Border and in High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) in order to combat criminal narcotics activity stemming from the Southern Border of the United States. The solicitation had four categories:

- I. Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity
- II. Enhancing Southern Border Jails, Community Corrections, and Detention Operations
- III. Facilitating Justice Information Sharing, Collaboration, and Problem Solving
- IV. National Training and Technical Assistance.

For categories I, II and III, eligible organizations were limited to: (A) state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies located in the Southern Border region, or (B) authorized state, local or tribal law enforcement agencies applying on behalf of HIDTA areas combating criminal narcotics activity stemming from the Southern Border. For Category IV, applicants were limited to: (A) state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies located in the Southern Border region; national organizations; institutions of higher education; and faith-based, community, and regional organizations that provide assistance and equipment to local law enforcement located in the Southern Border region, or (B) authorized state, local or tribal law enforcement agencies applying on behalf of High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) combating criminal narcotics activity stemming from the Southern Border.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program or legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are also initially screened to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received a total of 217 applications for funding in categories I, II, and III, seeking a total of \$281,974,201 in funding. BJA made a total of 20 awards in categories I, II and III, for a total amount of funding of \$29,639,507. Specifically, 15 awards were made in category I; three awards were made in category II; and two awards in category III. Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 9 percent of the applications. An additional \$300,000 was set aside to enable the National Institute of Justice to complete an evaluation associated with the solicitation

Given that only \$29.7 million was available for state and local law enforcement to combat criminal narcotics activity along the Southern Border, and given the precipitous increase in violent activity along the Southern Border and spilling over into the United States, BJA was able to fund one application submitted under Category IV (National Training & Technical Assistance) with non-Recovery Act funds. BJA funded the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology to provide training to state and local law enforcement along the Southern Border on interdiction techniques, home invasions, kidnappings, and hostage negotiations.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to Authorized Representative listed on the application. If the Authorized Representative of your organization does not receive the comments, you may request them via email at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States (Category I: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity)	Anthony Police Department	TX	\$319,264.00
	City of Albuquerque	NM	\$826,422.00
	New Mexico Administrative Office of the District Attorney	NM	\$893,750.00
	Pharr Police Department	TX	\$686,347.00
	Arizona Department of Public Safety	AZ	\$1,462,256.00
	Cameron County	TX	\$2,251,942.00
	Chula Vista Police Department	CA	\$2,864,605.00
	City of Arlington	TX	\$1,138,984.00
	City of Durham	NC	\$724,497.00
	City of Robstown	TX	\$472,626.00
	Maricopa County Adult Probation Department	AZ	\$685,993.00
	Pima County Attorney General's Office	AZ	\$1,285,040.00
	San Diego County	CA	\$4,999,996.00
	Santa Cruz County	AZ	\$457,006.00
	Texas Department of Criminal Justice	TX	\$4,946,732.00
Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States (Category II: Enhancing Southern Border Jails, Community Corrections, and Detention Operations)	County of Webb	TX	\$783,615.00
	Pima County Superior Court	AZ	\$841,150.00
	Travis County Adult Probation Department	TX	\$287,500.00
Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States (Category III: Facilitating Justice Information Sharing, Collaboration, and Problem Solving)	Arizona Office of the Attorney General	AZ	\$2,911,082.00
	San Mateo County	CA	\$800,700.00
Awards: 20	Total Funding:		\$29,639,507.00